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SUBJ: EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR UNRWA

REF: A. ABU DHABI 0521

B. ABU DHABI 0438

1. IN RESPONSE TO EMB'S REQUEST RE STATUS OF EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE CONTRIBUTION BY UAEG FOR UNRWA, DR. ADNAN PACHACHI RAISED MATTER WITH FORMIN SUWAIDI PRIOR LATTER'S DEPARTURE JUNE 3 FOR JORDAN. SUWAIDI INFORMED PACHACHI THAT BECAUSE OF PRESS OF OTHER DUTIES AND HEAVY TRAVEL SCHEDULE HE HAS HAD NO TIME TO FOCUS ON THIS SUBJECT; THEREFORE, NO FINAL DECISION YET TAKEN.

2. PACHACHI STATED THAT IN SUWAIDI'S ABSENCE (AND PRESUMABLY WITH THE FORMIN'S BLESSING) HE HIMSELF WOULD MAKE EFFORT TO GET UAEG/AD GOVT APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT EMERGENCY CONTRIBUTION.

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HOWEVER, BEFORE DISCUSSING MATTER FURTHER WITH SHAIKH ZAYID

AND TACKLING BUREAUCRACY, PACHACHI HAS ASKED EMB INFORM HIM HOW MANY OTHER STATES, ARAB AS WELL AS NON-ARAB, ACTUALLY HAVE MADE CONTRIBUTIONS OR AT LEAST PLEDGES TO UNRWA. PACHACHI PARTICULARLY INTERESTED WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM OTHER PENINSULA OIL STATES LIKE SAUDI ARABIA, KUWAIT AND QATAR AS ATTITUDE OF AFFLUENT ARAB NEIGHBORS LIKELY BE DETERMINING FACTOR ON UAEG DECISION.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY UP-DATED INFO ON THIS SUBJECT FROM DEPT AND/OR ADDRESSEES THAT EMB COULD PASS TO PACHACHI. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT IF WEALTHIER ARAB OIL STATES ARE DRAGGING THEIR FEET ON ASSISTING UNRWA TO OVERCOME ITS CURRENT FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES,

THEN IT UNLIKELY THAT UAE/AD WILL TAKE THE LEAD. ON OTHER HAND, IF OTHER ARAB STATES HAVE CONTRIBUTED GENEROUSLY, WE WOULD EXPECT SHAIKH ZAYID TO MAKE RELATIVELY SIMILAR DONATION.
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